

In the name of God Amen! I William Vinson of Montgomery County  
in the State of Maryland being weak in body but of sound and disposing mind,  
memory and understanding, do make and publish this my last will and testament in  
manner and form following Viz:

First and principally I commit my soul into the hands of Almighty God, and  
my body to the Earth, to be decently buried at the discretion of my Executors hereinafter  
named. And after my debts and funeral expenses are paid I devise and bequeath  
as follows:

Item - I give and bequeath unto Charles Vinson my oldest Son, a tract of Land  
called "Thomas's Discovery forfeited" lying and being in the County and State aforesaid  
containing one hundred and fifty seven Acres more or less, to him the said Charles, his  
heirs and assigns for ever in fee simple.

Item - I also give and devise unto my said Son Charles, all that part or portion of  
a tract of land called "Part of Thomas's Discovery," whereon I now live and reside, contain-  
ing two hundred acres, more or less, to him the said Charles his heirs and assigns for  
ever in fee simple.

Item - I also give and devise unto my said Son Charles, all moneys now due by  
him to me, either upon bond, note or otherwise, or which may here after be paid, loaned  
or advanced by reason of any undertaking or responsibility on my part now existing;  
meaning thereby to leave the real and personal estate of him the said Charles free,  
and from me ~~all charges and expenses made or which may be so made under the above~~  
~~undertaking or responsibility - Except the amount of a Note now due and owing~~  
to the Farmers and Mechanics Bank of George Town, which he the said Charles is to  
pay.

Item - I give and devise unto William Vinson my second Son a tract of land  
lying and being in the County and State aforesaid and upon which he now resides  
called "Partnership," containing three hundred and fifty four acres more or less, to him  
the said William his heirs and assigns for ever in fee simple.

Item - I also give and devise unto my said Son William all moneys heretofore  
loaned, paid or advanced by me on his account, meaning thereby to free his real  
and personal estate from all moneys so paid or advanced by me as aforesaid.

Item - I give and devise unto my Daughter Ann that part or portion of a  
tract of land called "Thomas's Discovery" lying and being on the West side of Big Seneca  
Creek in the County and State aforesaid and purchased of Thomas and Sarah  
Robertson, the contents of which is not precisely known but must be ascertained by  
actual survey, to her the said Ann her heirs and assigns for ever in fee simple, with  
the following reservations nevertheless - That all Coal, mineral banks and stone  
quarries which have been and before after found on the said tract of land shall be  
held and ~~owned~~ jointed, in equal shares, between the aforesaid Charles, William & Ann  
and their heirs for ever.

Item - I also give and devise to my said Daughter Ann fifteen acres and a  
half of land, more or less, being so much of a certain piece or parcel of land conveyed  
to me on or about the thirtieth day of July eighteen hundred and twenty five

and lying adjoining to the land devised to the said Ann in the previous item.

Item — I give and devise unto the Children of my deceased Daughter Sarah Hickman, namely, Ann, Mary, Sarah, Adelade, Agnes and Frances all that tract of land called "Concord" lying and being in the County and State of oressaid containing two hundred and eighteen Acres more or less, to be equally divided between them, their heirs and assigns for ever in fee simple: provided nevertheless, that if the above named Children all die without lawful issue then and in that case the said land is to be equally divided among my children Charles, William, Ann and Mary or their heirs in fee simple for ever.

Item — I also give and devise unto the above named Children of my Daughter Sarah Hickman all the monies due to me by their Father, Thomas Hickman, either upon bond, note or otherwise, to be equally divided between them.

Item — I also give and devise unto the above named Children of my deceased Daughter the sum of one hundred dollars each, to be paid to them by Charles, William and Ann in equal proportion on the event and upon the discovery and successful working of such Coal Banks as may be found on the premises mentioned as aforesaid.

Item — I also give and devise to the said Children of my deceased Daughter aforesaid, as follows, To Ann Hickman I give and devise negro Rachel, the daughter of ~~Charles~~ Lethy — to Charles Hickman I give and devise his son ~~Charles~~ — to Mary Hickman I give and devise negro Nace the son of Lethy — to Adelade Hickman I give and devise negro Harriet, the daughter of Lethy — to Agnes Hickman I give and devise negro Henrietta, daughter of Lethy — and to Frances Hickman I give and devise negro Rachel, the daughter of Lethy.

Item — I give and devise unto my Daughter Mary one hundred and twenty dollars as an annual income during her life, to be paid to her annually from the day of my death, that is to say, sixty dollars to be paid to her by her Brother Charles and sixty dollars to be paid to her by her Brother William, yearly and every year — And to secure the punctual payment of the said annuity the Lands, as before devised to the said Charles and William, shall be and remain bound during the period of her natural life.

Item — I will and devise that all the rest and residue of my real estate, not disposed of in manner aforesaid, and wherever found, may be sold <sup>by</sup> my Executors at such time, in such manner and on such credits as in their judgment may seem best, and the money arising therefrom to be equally divided between my said Children Charles, William, Ann and Mary.

Item — All my personal estate consisting of Slaves and not disposed of as aforesaid, I will and devise shall be appraised by three competent, impartial and disinterested Persons, and the said Slaves to be equally divided between my said Children, Charles, William and Ann according to said valuation deducting from the share of Charles two negroes heretofore given to him, namely, Helen and Eliza, and from the share of William five negroes heretofore also given to him, namely, Sandy, George, Clem, Henry

and Rachel. And that all the rest and residue of my personal estate of all kinds whatsoever, shall be appraised in like manner and equally divided between my Children share and share alike.

Item— In consideration of the long and faithful services of my servant Man Bob, and the laws of the State in reference to emancipation, my will and devise is, that he the said Bob shall receive an annuity of twenty five dollars from whomsoever he may be allotted to in the division aforesaid— upon the condition however of the faithful services as aforesaid—but to continue no longer than his bodily health and strength shall enable him to perform efficient services in the field— upon the occurrence of such inefficiency this annuity is to cease and determine, and instead thereof, a comfortable maintenance to be afforded him during the remainder of his life.

Lastly— I hereby constitute and appoint my said Sons, Charles and William Verson to be my Executors to this my last will and testament. And my will and desire is, that the trust herein confided to them my Executors shall be performed, and that all matters and things appertaining to this my last will and testament shall be done without requiring of them the usual bond and security provided for by the testamentary laws.

In witness of all the matters and things herein before mentioned I have hereunto set my hand and seal this tenth day of February in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty six  
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the bottom of the second page  
Signed Sealed published and declared  
by William Verson the Testator  
as and for his last will Testament  
in presence of us, who  
are in the presence of each other at  
his Request have signed our names as  
witnesses thereto.

And Dated

Eight, o'clock in the morning

William Verson

Codicil

Item. Not having provided in the above will and Testament a domicile or home for my Daughter Mary, my wife and wife is that she shall have during her single and Natural life a home. Alternately of the place with the Mrs. Anne Charity Williams and John Verson —

Item. I further give to my Daughter Mary during her Natural life the sum of Negro Juliet, and at the death of my said Daughter how the said Negro Juliet to be valued, and the amount thereof equally divided among my children or their heirs, the said Juliet is not to be sold out of the family, and to have the direction to whom she shall belong, namely, my Son Charity Williams or Daughter Anne —

Item. I give and bequeath to my grand Daughter Margaret Morgan Negro Nancy the daughter of Henry to her the said Margaret and her heirs —

Item, I give and devise to Ruthy and Jane Mulliken daughters  
of Thomas Mulliken Major, Mary Eliza and Emma the  
children of Foby to them and their heirs, and my desire is  
that all the said Major children shall be treated with kindness  
and proper care. In witness whereof I have affixed my  
hand and seal this tenth day of February, Eighteen hundred  
and forty five. *Wm Dinson*  
Signed sealed published  
by William Dinson the Testator  
as and for a Codicil to his last  
will and testament, in presence  
of us, who in this present and in  
the presence of each other, at his  
request subscribed our names  
as witnesses thereto

Wm Dinson  
Elisha W Williams  
James Hawkins Jr

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23d day of June 1840  
One thousand eight hundred and  
forty years of our Lord Jesus Christ  
and of this world 51 anno Regni

W.D.

resigned June 23d

Montgomery County to wit: On the 23<sup>d</sup> day of June 1840 came  
William Dinson and James Hawkins junior two of the subscribing witnesses to  
the last will and testament of William Dinson late of said County deceased and  
made oath on the Holy Evangel of almighty God that they did see the testator  
therin named sign and seal this will and that they heard him publish pronounced  
and declare the same to be his last will and testament, that at the time of his  
so doing he was to the best of their apprehension of sound and disposing mind  
memory and understanding and that they subscribed their names as witnesses  
to this will in the presence and at the request of the testator and in the  
presence of each other, also in the presence of Elisha W. Williams, the  
other subscribing witness thereto.

Certified by

J. W. and son  
Register

Montgomery County to wit: On the 1<sup>st</sup> day of September  
1840 came James Hawkins Junior one of the subscribing  
witnesses to this Codicil to the last will and testament of  
William Venison late of said County deceased and made  
oath on the Holy Evangel of Almighty God that he did see  
the testator therein named sign and seal this Codicil and  
that he heard him publish, pronounce and declare the  
same to be a codicil to his last will and testament, that at  
the time of his so doing he was to the best of his apprehension  
of sound and disposing mind memory and understanding  
and that he subscribed his name to this Codicil as a witness  
in the presence and at the request of the testator, also in  
the presence of William Barne and Elisha W. Williams  
the other subscribing witnesses thereto

Certified by

J. W. Anderson  
Register

William Nixon

Will

Received 11<sup>th</sup> June 1840

Proved 23.<sup>rd</sup> June 1840.

by Wm Daane & James

Hawkins Jr. Codicil proved  
by Jas Hawkins Jr. on 1<sup>st</sup> Sept 1860.

J. W. Auction  
Regt.

Recorded in Liber W.  
folios 523. 524. 525.  
526. & 527.

J. W. Auction  
Register